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Foreword

We send into the world herewith in bound form the first twelve issues of PROGRESSIVE CALVINISM. The collective name which we have selected is *Essays Against Sanctimony And Legalized Coercion.* The contents cover other subjects than those indicated by the title, but the only two subjects treated with any degree of completeness are *brotherly love,* which can be defined sanctimoniously, and the *authority of government,* which can be defined to legalize unwarranted coercion.

The contents of this publication are of diverse character, which is explained by the serial character of the successive issues and the circumstances under which the material was written.

Orthodox Christianity is not thriving. The cause rests *within* orthodox Christianity itself, and not in what is outside of it. It would have been out of order to have begun with criticism of ideas held *outside* of the churches or in denominations of which we are not members. The authors, therefore, have concerned themselves first with their own group and their own milieu.

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